

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Recreation Department

MINUTES OF THE GOLF COMMISSION MEETING HELD

MAY 23, 1997

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL A meeting of the Golf Commission was called to order by the Chairwoman, Ann Herman, at 10:00 a.m. at the Recreation Center. The Commission members in attendance were, Mrs. Herman, Mr. Shulman, Ms. Weiss, Mr. Schorr and Mr. Shore. Alternate members in attendance were Mr. Maddock and Mr. Raffo. Absent from the meeting were Mr. Rossbach, Mr. Gross and Mrs. Thurm. Staff members in attendance were Mr. Bitzer, Mrs. Walkowich and Mr. Dytrych.
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Mrs. Herman made a change to the agenda under old business, the addition of "The way new members are appointed to the Golf Commission". Mr. Shore made the motion to approve the agenda with this change, seconded by Mr. Maddock, motion carried.
- III. APPROVAL OF APRIL 25, 1997, MINUTES - Mrs. Herman asked if there were any changes to the April 25, 1997, minutes, there were none. Mr. Shore made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Maddock, motion carried.
- IV. OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Herman said that she wanted to discuss the way new members are appointed to the commission. She said that this had nothing to do with anyone personally but that it needed to be brought up because there were other nicer, more moral ways of doing things than what the Town Council did. Mrs. Herman said, "I personally think that it's wrong to have alternate members who serve on the commission and come to every meeting and are totally excluded, relatively excluded when they want to appoint a new member." She felt that an alternate should be moved up to a regular member and a new person should be brought on as an alternate. Mrs. Herman said that she felt it was an insult to the alternates and she wanted to write a letter to the Town Council from the Golf Commission. Mr. Shore said that he would not be in agreement to sending a letter telling the Town Council how to do their business, he said that a motion in the minutes would be more than sufficient.

Mr. Shore made the following motion: "It was our understanding that the purpose of an alternate was to learn something about how the commission works and what it does and we thought that alternates were moved up as vacancies occurred and we are disappointed that this was not done." Seconded by Mr. Shulman. Mrs. Herman called for a vote, all were in favor, motion carried.

Before going on to New Business, Mrs. Herman introduced Susan Beach from the Palm Beach Daily News and Mr. Ned Barnes from the Civic Association.

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V. NEW BUSINESS

A. FY-98 Proposed Budget Presentation - Mr. Bitzer

Mr. Bitzer gave a detailed review of the proposed FY-98 Golf Course Budget including revenues, expenditures, capital improvements and fees changes.

After a lengthy discussion the following recommendations and suggestions were made:

- Mr. Shulman made the motion to recommend the Golf Course budget as recommended by staff, including all fee increases and that staff should follow through with trying to get a loan from the Town for the retubing project so that the project could be done in FY-98. Seconded by Mr. Maddock, motion carried.
- Mrs. Herman said that she wanted to acknowledge the wonderful work that Mrs. Tannone, Golf Course Superintendent, does. She said that the course looked beautiful.
- Mr. Shore complimented Mr. Bitzer and his staff for the great work that was done on the budget presentation.

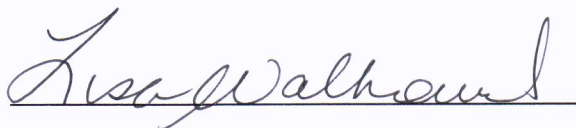
VI. ANY OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Schorr asked Mr. Bitzer when the review of Mr. Dytrych's contract would occur. Mr. Bitzer said that the pro's compensation package would be reviewed over the summer and then presented to the Town Council in September. After a brief discussion about the golf pro's contract, Mr. Raffo said that he felt that instead of giving Mr. Dytrych individual percentages on the different concessions that he should be given a salary, 100% of his lessons and a percentage of any profits.

Mr. Raffo said that Mercedes had turned down the request to sponsor the golf tournament. He said that they felt we were too small of a tournament. Mr. Raffo said that they did however offer to match any funds (up to \$10,000) that a local Mercedes dealership would donate. He said that he would continue to work to find a sponsor for the golf tournament.

Mrs. Herman read a letter into the minutes that she received from Mr. Jeffrey C. Neddle of the South Florida Water Management District, this letter is attached.

VII. ADJOURNMENT - Mr. Schorr made the motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Mr. Shulman, all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00.





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May 20, 1997

Ms. Ann Herman
Chairman of Golf Commission
Town of Palm Beach
360 South County Road
Palm Beach, Florida 33480

RE: Town of Palm Beach - Par 3 Golf Course

Dear Chairman Herman:

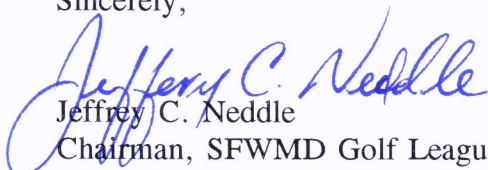
The purpose of this letter is to compliment you, Rick Dytrych, and the Town of Palm Beach for providing our employees an opportunity to enjoy such a beautiful golf course. The setting of this course is unique. It is the only local course, to my knowledge, where the public can view the ocean and enjoy a challenging but relaxing round of golf.

For the past ten years the South Florida Water Management District has held our summer golf league on Monday evenings at the Palm Beach Par 3 Golf Course. Over 80 employees each year get an opportunity to network, discuss business issues, and build strong professional relationships, as well as play golf.

During this period, Rick Dytrych has been the Head Pro and Manager. Rick and his staff consistently demonstrate a very favorable customer service attitude and a business professionalism that makes our league a success. The course is always well maintained, the facilities are clean and pleasant, and the overall setting makes a friendly impression on the visitors to the Town of Palm Beach.

As Chairman of our golf league, I want to thank the Town of Palm Beach for providing the public and our employees the opportunity to enjoy this exceptional golf course. We greatly appreciate your continued support of the golf course staff and this excellent facility.

Sincerely,


Jeffrey C. Neddle
Chairman, SFWMD Golf League

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ATTENDANCE RECORD 1997

NAME	1/24	2/28	3/28	4/25	5/23	10/24	11/21	12/19
1. ANN K. HERMAN	P	P	P	P	P			
2. JAY ROSSBACH JR.	P	P	P	P	U			
3. ARTHUR GROSS	-----	-----	-----	-----	U			
4. MAX SCHORR	P	P	E (Illness)	P	P			
5. ALLEN E. SHORE	P	E (Illness)	P	E (Illness)	P			
6. STUART SHULMAN	P	P	P	P	P			
7. ROBIN E. WEISS	E (Illness)	P	U	P	P			

ALTERNATES:

1. JAMES MADDOCK	P	P	P	P	P			
2. ARLENE THURM	P	P	P	U	U			
3. RICHARD RAFFO	P	E (Illness)	P	U	P			

LEGEND: P = Present
 E = Excused
 U = Unexcused
 A = Absent Pending Classification as "Excused" or "Unexcused"

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST RECORD 1997

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LEGEND: X = Conflict